

**PARISH OF EAST CARROLL,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of East Carroll is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	16,302	2,683,516
1960	14,433	3,257,022
1970	12,884	3,644,637
1980	11,772	4,205,900
1990	9,709	4,219,973
1991	9,728	4,251,560
1992	9,734	4,287,195
1993	9,783	4,295,477
1994	9,676	4,315,085
1995	9,617	4,339,352
1996	9,260	4,350,579
1997	9,239	4,351,769
1998	8,770	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of East Carroll are as follows:

YEAR	LAKE PROVIDENCE
1960	5,781
1970	6,183
1980	6,361
1990	5,380
1991	5,280
1992	5,358
1993	5,379
1994	5,379
1995	5,379
1996	5,379
1997	5,379
1998	5,344

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$9,106	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,836	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$11,362	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$11,650	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$12,930	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$12,597	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$14,099	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$13,611	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in East Carroll Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$39,441	\$19,888	\$1,133	\$2,563	\$544	\$3,588
1992	\$42,120	\$21,872	\$1,250	\$2,822	\$599	\$3,323
1993	\$42,329	\$21,854	\$1,195	\$2,905	\$592	\$2,982
1994	\$28,612	\$7,361	\$994	\$2,827	\$580	\$1,941
1995	\$26,374	\$5,643	\$1,032	\$3,546	\$493	\$1,773
1996	\$21,492	\$5,030	\$954	\$2,400	\$403	\$1,408
1997	\$19,329	\$3,776	\$905	\$2,146	\$400	\$1,165

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of East Carroll as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
EAST CARROLL PARISH	3		3	4	7
LAKE PROVIDENCE	3	1	4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$3,726	\$4,200	\$4,355	\$4,272	\$3,956
February	\$2,824	\$3,335	\$3,178	\$3,388	\$2,987
March	\$3,406	\$3,886	\$3,684	\$3,508	\$2,935
April	\$4,331	\$4,401	\$4,323	\$4,428	\$4,904
May	\$2,920	\$3,626	\$3,712	\$4,290	\$4,075
June	\$3,477	\$3,931	\$3,914	\$4,101	\$3,785
July	\$3,924	\$4,557	\$4,431	\$6,124	\$4,754
August	\$3,308	\$3,509	\$3,253	\$3,994	\$3,872
September	\$3,425	\$3,289	\$3,627	\$3,667	\$3,935
October	\$4,791	\$4,666	\$5,610	\$5,130	\$4,714
November	\$3,308	\$3,782	\$4,256	\$3,800	\$3,834
December	\$3,070	\$2,937	\$2,804	\$3,357	\$3,108
Annual Total	\$42,510	\$46,119	\$47,148	\$50,060	\$46,859

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of East Carroll is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$21,304,224	\$6,145,833	\$27,450,057
1991	\$20,988,222	\$6,029,044	\$27,017,266
1992	\$21,089,326	\$5,906,007	\$26,995,333
1993	\$22,153,769	\$5,785,568	\$27,939,337
1994	\$22,567,102	\$5,832,339	\$28,399,441
1995	\$23,731,441	\$5,876,406	\$29,607,847
1996	\$24,292,377	\$5,751,095	\$30,043,472
1997	\$24,553,539	\$5,681,954	\$30,235,493
1998	\$25,663,818	\$5,716,193	\$31,380,011

Source: East Carroll Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$16,740,263	\$2,285,454	\$8,424,340
1991	\$16,363,762	\$2,171,224	\$8,482,280
1992	\$16,241,927	\$2,302,306	\$8,451,100
1993	\$16,369,576	\$2,854,441	\$8,715,320
1994	\$16,455,587	\$3,431,834	\$8,512,020
1995	\$16,582,887	\$4,148,860	\$8,876,100
1996	\$16,899,548	\$4,569,004	\$8,574,920
1997	\$17,042,721	\$4,934,602	\$8,258,170
1998	\$17,259,052	\$5,606,159	\$8,514,800

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of East Carroll follows:

Year	Millage
1990	64.33
1991	62.16
1992	62.23
1993	62.11
1994	64.01
1995	69.23
1996	70.82
1997	72.74
1998	72.65

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and East Carroll Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of East Carroll in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. TRUNKLINE GAS CO.	\$2,667,820
2. COLUMBIA GULF TRANSMISSION CO.	\$1,103,530
3. SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY	\$936,120
4. TENNECO GAS	\$891,120
5. ENTERGY SERVICES INC	\$770,450
6. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$762,900
7. TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION	\$640,060
8. BUNGE CORPORATION	\$588,119
9. HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK	\$551,200
10. TERRAL RIVERSERVICE, INC.	\$398,534

Source: East Carroll Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the East Carroll Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	2,112	1,894	1,900	1,886
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	2,250	1,996	1,994	1,999
PUBLIC	2,199	2,040	2,016	2,016

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the East Carroll Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$23,531	\$23,594	\$24,017	\$26,758
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,015	\$4,543	\$4,975	\$4,918
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$2,499,730	\$1,429,759	\$35,105	\$727,427
DEBT SERVICE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$9,034,027	\$9,008,260	\$9,482,866	\$9,648,145

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.